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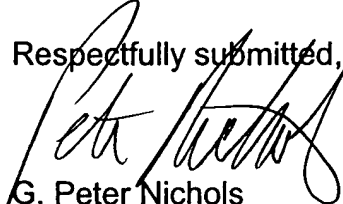
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Filing Date: 25.03.2004)
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RESPONSE PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 34 AND RULE 66

Dear Examiner Banks:

The present response is being made in accordance with Article 34 and Rule 66.

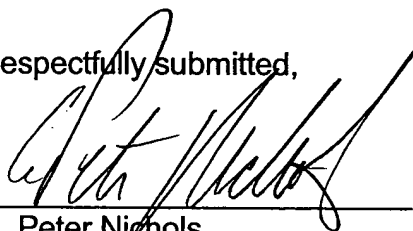
As an initial matter, Box No. II of the Written Opinion indicates that the copy of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed had not yet been furnished. Applicant attaches for the Examiner's convenience a Notification received from the International Bureau that indicates receipt of the priority document.

Turning to the Written Opinion, pursuant to Rule 66.8(a), please replace current page 5 with amended page 5. The present claims are novel and provide an inventive step over US 6,659,474. In particular, the claims now require that the chuck include a gear wheel fixed to a portion of the chuck body axially rearward of the nut and having a plurality of spaced teeth about a periphery of the gear wheel; a nut sleeve fixed to the nut and having a forward portion and a rearward portion, the nut sleeve further including

at least one pawl extending from the rearward portion; a front sleeve surrounding at least a portion of the body; and, a rotational sleeve annularly disposed between the front sleeve and the nut sleeve, the rotational sleeve having at least one protruding stopper, wherein when the rotational sleeve is in a first position at least one portion of the at least one pawl engages at least a portion of the gear wheel between adjacent teeth.

These features are neither shown nor taught in US 6,659,474 and therefore, the present claims are novel and represent an inventive step over the cited art. If the Examiner feels that it would be useful to discuss this application with the agent of record, he can be reached at 312.321.4276.

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1. A self-locking drill chuck comprising:
 - a. a generally cylindrical body defining an axis and having a forward portion and rearward portion, the body having a plurality of inclined holes extending obliquely to the axis and converging toward the front portion;
 - b. a plurality of jaws corresponding to the plurality of holes, each jaw being slidably disposed within a respective hole and including a thread section along an outer surface;
 - c. a nut rotatable about the body and configured to engage the thread section of the jaws;
 - d. a gear wheel fixed to a portion of the chuck body axially rearward of the nut and having a plurality of spaced teeth about a periphery of the gear wheel;
 - e. a nut sleeve fixed to the nut and having a forward portion and a rearward portion, the nut sleeve further including at least one pawl extending from the rearward portion;
 - f. a front sleeve surrounding at least a portion of the body; and,
 - g. a rotational sleeve annularly disposed between the front sleeve and the nut sleeve, the rotational sleeve having at least one protruding stopper, wherein when the rotational sleeve is in a first position at least one portion of the at least one pawl engages at least a portion of the gear wheel between adjacent teeth.
2. The self-locking chuck of claim 1 further comprising two pawls provided on the nut sleeve.
3. The self-locking chuck of claim 1 wherein the pawl has a v-shaped bend.
4. The self locking chuck of claim 3 wherein the pawl is slightly convex.

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